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Miami Beach Appoints New City Attorney

— Rafael A. Paz will oversee all of the city's legal affairs —

Miami Beach, FL – The Miami Beach City Commission on Wednesday voted unanimously to appoint Rafael A. Paz as the new Miami Beach City Attorney. He replaces Raul Aguila, who retired after serving the city for over 28 years.

"Rafael Paz has proved himself to be an extraordinary lawyer and advocate, and will be a splendid City Attorney," shared Miami Beach Mayor Dan Gelber.

The city attorney is responsible for all legal affairs of the city and provides legal counsel to the mayor and city commission, all of the city's administrative departments and some 40 boards, agencies and advisory committees.

"I approach this opportunity with eyes wide open, knowing full well the demands of the city attorney job, and how much work there is to be done," Paz said. "Our city is small geographically, but we are a sophisticated international destination and enormous in scope."

A resident of Miami Beach, Paz joined the City Attorney's office in 2014. He graduated from the University of Pennsylvania School of Law and holds a bachelor's degree from Florida International University.

As the city's lead transactional attorney, Paz was responsible for negotiating and drafting agreements and legislation associated with the Miami Beach Convention Center Renovation Project, the Convention Center Hotel Project, the 500 Alton Road project including the creation of a 3.0-acre public park, the 2018 General Obligation Bond Program, and numerous other matters relating to the city's general operations and capital improvements program.

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